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1. PRESS REPORTS ON DEPARTURE STATEMENTS OF CEAO CHIEFS
OF STATE MARKED PRIMARILY BY PLATITUDES BY CONTEXT
MALI-UPPER VOLTA DISPUTE COMMENTS OF LAMIZANA AND TRAORE
OF MORE GENERAL INTEREST. NPOURE, THE FIRST TO LEAVE,
EXPRESSED HIS COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH THE COMMUNIQUE
(REFTEL(AND CONSIDERED IT NORMAL THAT COMMUNIQUE WAS
IN EFFECT A QUOTE CALLING TO ORDER UNQUOTE H UPPER VOLTA
FOR NOT HAVING PROPERLY PRTECTED MALIAN CIVIL SERVANTS
AT CEAO HEADQUARTERS IN OUAGADOUGOU.

2. THE EMBASSDGJS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF LAMIZANA'S
FLDAL STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TRANSLATION: AS FOR THE CONFERENCE'S RESULTS,

THE EXPERTS, MINISTERS AND PRESIDENTS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
SOMETHING INTERESTING AND FRUITFUL, EVEN BENEFICIAL.
THUS THE CEAO IS READY TO BEGIN OPERATION BUT UNDER
CONDITIONS WHICH ARE WELL KNOWN TO US--A SITUATION
OF CONFLICT BETWEEN UPPER VOLTA AND ANOTHER MEMBER OF
THE CEAO. I SAY SECURITY HAS NOT YET BEEN GUARANTEED.
IT IS THE ONLY HANDICAP, BUT A VERY SERIOUS ONE, TO
THE PROGRESS OF OUR ORGANIZATION. I HAVE CONFIDENCE
IN THOSE WHO NOW ACT AS MEDIATORS AND I THINK THAT
REASON WILL PREVAIL AND THAT PEACE WILL REIGN IN
THE SUB-REGION SO THAT WE CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS SPIRIT
OF COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION.

AS YOU KNOW, UPPER VOLTA IS NOT A COUNTRY ABOVE THE LAWS.
UPPER VOLTA HAS ALWAYS RESPECTED ITS INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS
AND IT IS CERTAIN THAT INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS LIVING IN UPPER VOLTA HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN WELL TREATED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
ENGAGEMENTS WHICH WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE
TO REMIND YOU THAT AS FOR OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, FOREIGN CIVIL
SERVANTS MUST REFRAIN FROM MEDDLING IN OUR AFFAIRS.
WHAT HAS BEEN ALLEGED ABOUT UPPER VOLTA IS ONE SIDED AND
I DEPLORE IT AND REGRET IT, BUT INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS
DO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS THEIR HOST COUNTRIES.
END TRANSLATION.HECK

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